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Preliminary Amendment Prior to Claims Fee Calculation

Sir:

With a view to avoiding excess claims fees otherwise due and to putting the English translation of their subject German language International Application into a state believed in formal respects to satisfy American patent prosecution standards, applicants courteously request entry of the following amendment.

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 8: delete "Specification" and substitute --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.-- therefor;

line 9: insert: --1. Field of the Invention.--;

line 15: insert --2. The Prior Art.--;

page 5, line 9: insert --OBJECT OF THE INVENTION.--;

line 19: insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.--;

page 10, lines 14 - 16: cancel and substitute therefor --DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL DRAWINGS.--;

--The novel features which are deemed to be characteristic of the invention are set forth with particularity in the appended claims. The invention